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ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2010/11 ANNOUNCED

Applications due by Friday, October 1, 2010

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Secretary for Natural Resources Lester Snow today announced that applications are currently being accepted for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) 2010/11 grant cycle.

The program offers grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate environmental impacts caused by new or modified state transportation facilities. Grants generally will be limited to \$350,000 per project. Grants are given in three categories:

- **Highway Landscape and Urban Forestry** -- Projects designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide through the planting of trees and other suitable plants.
- **Resource Lands** -- Projects for the acquisition, restoration, or enhancement of watersheds, wildlife habitat, wetlands, forests, or other significant natural areas within or near the right of way for transportation improvements.
- **Roadside Recreation** -- Projects for the acquisition and/or development of roadside recreational opportunities.

Applications for the 2010/11 grant cycle must be received by the Natural Resources Agency no later than 4 p.m. Friday, October 1, 2010. The Natural Resources Agency will submit recommended projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding consideration in early 2011. It is anticipated that the CTC will give preliminary approval to projects to be funded in spring 2011.

Two technical assistance workshops will be held to help applicants in preparing grant applications. Please RSVP to eemcoordinator@resources.ca.gov reserve your space.

Monday, August 23, 2010

City of Los Angeles

1:00 to 3:00

California Department of Transportation

Caltrans District 07 Offices,

100 South Main Street, 1st Floor, Room 01.040B

Monday, August 30, 2010

City of Sacramento

1:30 to 3:30

California Department of Transportation

Caltrans FMP3 Building

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Native American Heritage Commission • San Diego River Conservancy • San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission
San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy • San Joaquin River Conservancy
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy • Sierra Nevada Conservancy • State Lands Commission • Wildlife Conservation Board



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To access the **EEMP Guidelines and Application** and learn more about evaluation criteria and requirements, visit <http://www.resources.ca.gov/eem/>.

For more information about EEMP project administration and projects funded in prior cycles, visit the Caltrans at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/EEM/homepage.htm>.

Hardcopies of the application are also available from the Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by contacting the EEMP Coordinator at (916) 651-7593 or at eemcoordinator@resources.ca.gov.